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RULES

No. 2002/E(GR)/1/18/2.—In the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) notification dated 18th January, 2003 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, notifying the rules for the Engineering Services Examination, 2003, Rule 13 and Rule 14 may be substituted by the following :—

"13 (i) After interview, the candidates will be arranged by the Commission in the order of merit as disclosed by the aggregate marks finally awarded to each candidate. Thereafter, the Commission shall, for the purpose of recommending candidates against unreserved vacancies, fix a qualifying mark (hereinafter referred to as general qualifying standard) with reference to the number of unreserved vacancies to be filled up on the basis of the examination. For the purpose of recommending reserved category candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward Classes against reserved vacancies, the Commission may relax the general qualifying standard with reference to number of reserved vacancies to be filled up in each of these categories on the basis of the examination :

Provided that the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward Classes who have not availed themselves of any of the concessions or relaxations in the eligibility or the selection criteria, at any stage of the examination and who after taking into account the general qualifying

standards are found fit for recommendation by the Commission shall not be recommended against the vacancies reserved for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward Classes.

(ii) While making service allocation, the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward Classes recommended against unreserved vacancies may be adjusted against reserved vacancies by the Govt. if by this process they get a service of higher choice in the order of their preference.

(iii) The Commission may further lower the qualifying standards to take care of any shortfall of candidates for appointment against unreserved vacancies and any surplus of candidates against reserved vacancies arising out of the provisions of this rule, the Commission may make the recommendation in the manner prescribed in sub-rule (iv) and (v).

(iv) While recommending the candidates, the Commission shall, in the first instance, take into account the total number of vacancies in all categories. This total number of recommended candidates shall be reduced by the number of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward Classes who acquire the merit at or above the fixed general qualifying standard without availing themselves of any concession or relaxation in the eligibility or selection criteria in terms of the proviso to sub-rule (i). Along with this list of recommended candidates, the Commission shall also declare a consolidated reserve list of candidates which will include candidates from general and reserved categories ranking in order of merit below the last recommended candidate under each category. The number of candidates in each of these categories will be equal to the number of reserved category candidates who were included in the

first list without availing of any relaxation or concession in eligibility or selection criteria as per proviso to sub-rule (i). Amongst the reserved categories, the number of candidates from each of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward Classes categories in the reserve list will be equal to the respective number of vacancies reduced initially in each category.

(v) The candidates recommended in terms of the provisions of sub-rule (iv), shall be allocated by the Government to the services and where certain vacancies still remain to be filled up, the Government may forward a requisition to the Commission requiring it to recommend, in order of merit, from the reserve list, the same number of candidates as requisitioned for the purpose of filling up the unfilled vacancies in each category.

14. The minimum qualifying marks as specified under rules 12 and 13 may be relaxable at the discretion of the Commission in favour of physically handicapped candidates in order to fill up the vacancies reserved for them :

Provided that where a physically handicapped candidate obtains the minimum qualifying marks in his own merit in the requisite number for General or the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes or the Other Backward Classes category candidates, then, the extra physically handicapped candidates, i.e., more than the number of vacancies reserved for them, shall not be recommended by the Commission on the relaxed standards."

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